

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026

Gathering
Welcome
Announcements and Prayer

Prelude Laurie Knapp
(Prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Call to Worship
Words from the heart
Whispers from the soul
A song sung high
A psalm chanted low
May all the words of our mouths
and all the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

*Opening Hymn 67
“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

*Opening Prayer
We your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Canticle of Christ’s Obedience *Response 2* 167

*Psalter 799-800
Psalm 78:1-4, 9-20, 32b-38a

*Gloria Patri 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace: *Let us greet one another with love and peace.*

Anthem Choir
“My Lord, What a Morning”

“Let the Children Come!” Tonya Spires
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children’s Church.)

Scripture Lessons Page 63 (O.T.)
Exodus 17:1-7
Philippians 2:1-13 Pages 187-188 (N.T.)

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:23-32 Page 27 (N.T.)

Sermon God’s Will Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation TFWS 2152
“Change My Heart, O God”

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Laurie Knapp
*Doxology 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Closing Hymn 361
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (vs. 1-3)

*Benediction
*Benediction Response Choir & Congregation
“May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You”

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *Rev. Darlene L. Kelley* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
Pianist: *Laurie Knapp* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick; Erin Derrick*
Liturgist: *Raleigh Carter*

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning.

Today’s Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...

Hilda Edwards	Marilyn Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Rhett Hook	Mary Sue Lewis	Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine	Jeff Portwood	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Pearcy	Jeanette Hornsby
Hannah Glanz	Arvan Derrick	Fran Laska	Kaye Floyd	Libby Strickland	Raleigh Carter
Jack Stevens	Donna Easterling	Becude			

Shut-Ins: Nell Cooke; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

Family and Friends: *Joanne Carter (mother of Raleigh Carter); Landon Luesing (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); Lynda Areheart (friend of Jo Ann Heiting & Bonnie Ramsey); Danielle Bradley (daughter of Ramona Shiffert, a friend of Kelsey Jones); Vicary Whitaker (sister of Edwa Meek); Jack Reeves (uncle of Mary Sue Lewis); Wayne Gunter (uncle of Tony Scott); Otis A. McCroskey (father of Christopher McCroskey); Connie Crouch (friend of Mary Sue Lewis); Kristie Carter (niece of Faye Grahl); George Hough (brother of Mary Louise Robinson); Donna Eidson (former Trinity pastor); Ghent Brewer (brother-in-law of Jeanette Hornsby); Matt Imel (husband of Holley Gleaton Imel); Cayla Watters (friend of Karen Carter); Tommy Stokes (nephew of Joyce Robinson); Christina Lindemuth (daughter of Karen Carter); Kathleen Varnadore (Ted & Ruth Frady’s neighbor); Paul Frenzel (friend of Chris Derrick); Sissy Henry (former member of Trinity), Colby Martin (son of Donna Muszynski); Lynne Powell (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); Bryan Collard (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); Mary Davis (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); Connie Mason (friend of Lynn Martin); Nancy Wilson (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); David & Kristen Turner (brother and sister-in-law of Pam Turner); Chip Mixon (friend of Tommy Gleaton); James Boggs (father of Claire Boggs); Robert Bradley (Business Associate of Simon Ross); Adrin & Linda Hargett (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); Haidee Baehr (friends of Ruth Frady); Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson (cousins of Gale Frady); Dan Conner, Max Johnson (friends of Gale Frady); Janet Beck (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); Adam Lavender (son of Phil Lavender)*

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 09/20 SS: 14 Worship: 43

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 09/20 \$ 3,656.00

OUR SERVICE...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Taste of Trinity

Ministry Team Meeting

09/28 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

09/29 Administrative Team Meeting, 6 p.m.

09/30 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

10/01 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

10/02 Office Closed



Ministers
Pastor
Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

The Congregation
Darlene L. Kelley
Leonard Fairley
Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Taste of Trinity

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held **today** following the service. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

Please Note: The Ministry Team will meet following Taste of Trinity.



Trinity to Participate as a Vendor at the Saluda Riverfest

Our church has purchased a table at the first annual Saluda Riverfest scheduled for October 8 from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Saluda River Academy for the Arts.

We will give out business cards, water and candy and will have Taste of Trinity Cookbooks for sale for \$5.00. This event is being held by the PTO to raise funds for student field trips, teacher support and classroom resources, and a brand new initiative that provides personal care items and clothing for students in need.

This is a great opportunity to get our name in front of one of our long-standing neighbors. If you can help "man" the booth with Darlene, please let her know.

There will be carnival games, food trucks, face painting, a cake walk, craft and and other vendors.

For more information about Saluda Riverfest, go to Saluda River Academy for the Arts Facebook page.



**Sunday, October 4
11 a.m.**

We once again invite you and your beloved pets to our Blessing of the Animals Worship Service on Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. Inspired by the birthday of St. Francis and adapted from our own United Methodist Book of Worship, this unique service is a wonderful way to celebrate the joy and companionship of our pets, and to thank God for all the wonderful gifts of Creation.

Whether your pet has fur, feathers or fins, all creatures are welcome! We'll gather outside (weather permitting) on the Gunter Circle side of the building for a time of prayer, reflection and blessing. A pet is not required for attendance; this is our Sunday worship service. Bring the whole family—some may require leashes or carriers. If your pet is unable to attend, please feel free to bring a photo, and we'll bless them in spirit. Blessing certificates with your pet's name will be available. Palmetto Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation (a non-profit rescue for orphaned and injured wildlife) will once again be joining us. A Love Offering will be taken up for them.

If you have a pop-up or canopy tarp that we might borrow for our outside service that day, please contact the church office at 803-794-7777 or email us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com. We'll also need three or four volunteers to set up chairs outside on the morning of the event.

Let's use this opportunity to invite friends, family and neighborhood animal lovers to this special worship event at our church! Say a prayer, spread the word and give God the glory!

If you have any questions, just ask Rev. Kelley at 845-416-7308. Thank you!